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SAVE THE DATE!

Nation's Federal Marine Fisheries Managers to Host Fisheries Conference in November

Mark your calendar and save the date to attend the first-ever fisheries management conference co-sponsored by the eight Regional Fishery Management Councils and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA Fisheries). The conference is open to the public and will be held in Washington, D.C., Nov. 13-15, 2003.

The conference, titled *Managing Our Nation's Marine Fisheries – Past, Present, and Future*, promises to be an educational and insightful experience. Whether you are a fisherman, an environmental advocate, a policymaker or a reporter who covers the fisheries beat, you will find the conference sessions to be pertinent and informative as Congress considers the re-authorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, which governs management decisions for our nation's marine fisheries.

The conference aims to educate the public and the media on the fishery management process and current management research initiatives, and to help bridge the gap between perception and reality regarding management of our nation's fisheries. The conference also will provide a forum for information exchange and examination of a wide range of perspectives on future management and marine research directions.

Whether you are interested in regional bycatch issues, have concerns about human impacts on fish habitats, want to learn more about ecosystem management, marine research or conservation of protected species, you will find what you are looking for this November in Washington, D.C.

The conference will offer the opportunity to meet with Council executive directors and chairmen, as well as others involved in living marine resource management.

Conference Logistics

When: November 13-15, 2003

Where: Omni-Shoreham Hotel and Conference Center, 2500 Calvert Street, Washington D.C.

Registration: Advance registration requested. Attendance is free of charge.

Don't miss this opportunity! We will send you more information when the conference web site is posted and online registration is available.

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